

Hockey 101 teaches game, raises money for Maverick's women's walk

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Staff writer Photo editor

Thanks in part to Maverick hockey players and coaches, 155 women had a better understanding of hockey at this weekend's home series against the University of Michigan. At "Hockey 101 - A Woman's Guide to Hockey," participants were able to learn about hockey, interact with players and coaches and raise money for a couple of good causes.

Each participant was given a packet of hockey terms along with a ticket to their choice of this weekend's games. The proceeds from Thursday's event at the Qwest Center benefited Liz's Legacy and the Diet Pepsi/UNO Women's Walk.

Participants got a glimpse into what it is like to be a Maverick hockey player. They watched the team practice, took part in a pre-game dinner, toured the locker room and hit the ice. They also had informational sessions with UNO athletic trainer Rusty McKune and Central Collegiate Hockey Association referee Mark Baratta.

After enjoying dinner and chatting with the players, the ladies were split into three groups where each learned about a certain aspect of Maverick hockey.

During the on-ice session, players and coaches welcomed the ladies onto the rink. Forming a half-circle around the demonstrating players, the women experienced the speed and power of hockey as pucks flew into the net and clanged off the goal post. The players



UNO hockey player Brett Davis demonstrates a slap shot for a group of women during the on ice session of "Hockey 101 - A Woman's Guide To Hockey" Thursday at the Qwest Center.

demonstrated different types of shots they use when attempting to score a goal.

In the rules session, Baratta answered questions about the rules of the game. Baratta described the technicalities of offsides, the logic behind calling penalties and answered questions from inquisitive fans. Some questions included, "What is icing?" and "Why do captains meet with the officials after a penalty is called?" After diagramming plays on a dry-erase hockey board, he described the aspects of an official's job.

"The number one thing in officiating is self-preservation," Baratta said.

Next, the ladies split time between the locker room and the athletic training room. In the training room, McKune discussed hockey's most common injuries and how they are treated. The injury list included shoulder and knee injuries and concussions.

When questioned, McKune said the criteria for letting players back on the ice depended mostly on the type and severity of the injury. And how does he know when they

Michelle Bishop

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UNO student's benefit helps tsunami victims

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ENTERTAINMENT EDITOR

Graduate student Daniel Hummel couldn't sleep. As strange as it may seem, he felt guilty about having a warm bed to go home to at night.

Like many others, Hummel said he was deeply affected by the tsunami that tore apart Indonesia in late December. It hit him a little closer to home, though, when he learned that friends of his lost family in the disaster. Hummel just couldn't drift asleep in his comfortable bed - enjoying a luxury that many take for granted - when there were so many people half a world away that desperately needed help.

So, he set out to make any difference he could, right here from the UNO campus. As coordinator of the UNO Muslim Student Association, Hummel spearheaded a fundraising effort that took place Thursday evening in the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom. Hummel said that he is unsure exactly how much money was raised because the donations were blind and anonymous. The Zakat Foundation, one of the largest Muslim charities in the United States, accepted the donations at the event. Nonetheless, Hummel said he is satisfied that the event helped relief efforts.

The event also featured speakers from the UNO Geology Department, the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Nebraska and the Zakat Foundation.

Harmon Maher, a UNO geology professor,

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KVNO not just another classical radio station

SCOTT STEWART
Staff writer

KVNO Classical FM 90.7 recently scored among the top 10 percent of public radio stations from across the country in a survey conducted by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB).

Debbi Aliano, KVNO's general manager, said that the CPB scored on two parameters: sound financial health and community service.

Participating stations submitted five years worth of financial reports and community service records



Munira Amini

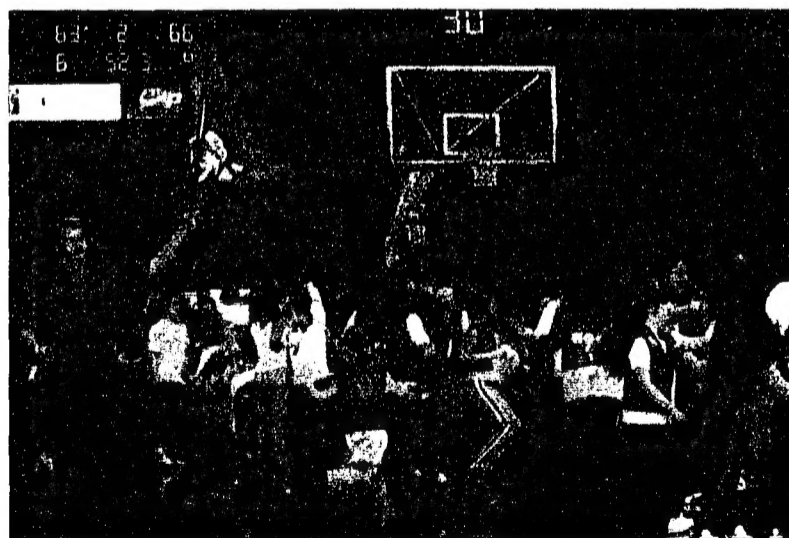
KVNO radio broadcaster Cheril Lee reads the KVNO News Wednesday afternoon.

to be judged. The CPB grouped stations into four categories: sound financial health, good community service, both and neither.

Of the more than 300 stations surveyed, KVNO was ranked in the 23 percent of stations as part of the group with both sound financial health and good community service involvement. KVNO received a score of 10.3 percent, ranking it well among the best of

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It's fun to play with the M.A.V.S.



J. Parker Adair

Members of the UNO band lead a group of Girl Scouts in doing the Y.M.C.A. during a break in Saturday's women's basketball game.

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Intramural founder to celebrate 90th birthday

Bert Kurth will celebrate his 90th birthday on Feb. 18. Kurth was hired in 1959 to build an intramural program from the ground up for what was then Omaha University. He retired from UNO in 1980 at the age of 65. Before coming to Omaha, Kurth was a successful football coach in Early, Iowa. His daughters Kim and Jean will be holding a reception for him Feb. 19, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. at the First Methodist Church located at 7030 Cass St.

Philosophy Colloquia Series continues Thursday with lecture by Benjamin D. Hill

The 2004-05 Philosophy Colloquia Series at UNO continues Thursday with a lecture by Benjamin D. Hill. He will present "Black against Leibniz's Law: A Hidden Contradiction in the Counter-example" at 2:30 p.m. in the Arts and Sciences Hall, room 217. The event is free and open to the public.

Dr. Hill, a visiting assistant professor of philosophy at UNO, will examine the arguments of Max Black in his lecture. His research interests include early modern philosophy, philosophical empiricism, and the

historical intersections between philosophy and theoretical medicine. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Iowa.

For more information, contact Kathy Cox Schwartz at 554-2628.

The UNO Department of Philosophy and the Religion Philosophy Program are sponsoring the Philosophy Colloquia Series. Information on this and other events sponsored by the UNO Department of Philosophy and the Religion Philosophy Program can be found on the Web at www.unomaha.edu/philosophy.

Latino Life Movie Series Kicks Off Feb. 24 at El Dorado

The UNO community is invited to gather for dinner and a movie screening Feb. 24, in South Omaha. The movie, *El Norte*, will be followed by an informal discussion facilitated by Maria Arbelaez, associate professor of history at UNO.

The evening's activities will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at El Dorado Restaurant, 5134 S. 24th St. El Dorado serves a variety of Mexican dishes specializing in seafood, and entrees cost about \$15.

El Norte, directed by Gregory Nava,

tells the story of two indigenous brothers from the Guatemalan highlands who run for their lives after their parents are murdered by the military. The film is an account of their journey north that shows the difficulties the duo encounters as they travel through Mexico, cross the border into the United States and settle in Los Angeles.

The Latino Life Movie Series is sponsored by the UNO Service-Learning Academy and the Office of Latino and Latin American Studies (OLLAS). The film series represents the university's continuing support for interaction between UNO faculty and Omaha's Latino community. *El Norte* is the first of four films that will be shown in conjunction with the series. Additional screenings and their dates are as follows.

The Ballad of Gregorio Cortez

March 24

Escuela

April 21

Mi Familia

May 19

Those planning to attend should contact Alice Woll at awoll@mail.unomaha.edu.

Nominations sought for UNO Women of Wisdom Awards through March 1

Organizations and individuals in the Omaha metropolitan area are invited to nominate senior women for the first-ever UNO Women of Wisdom Awards. The awards will be presented this spring to three women over age 50 who exemplify the spirit of community contribution while providing a meaningful example of successful aging. Nominations are due March 1.

"We want to recognize the unsung heroes in our community. These are older women who contribute to others in the community, yet are overlooked and not recognized for their efforts," said Patricia Adams, director of the UNO Program for Women and Successful Aging (PWSA), the sponsor of the Women of Wisdom Awards.

Nomination forms and additional information is available on the Web at pwsa.unomaha.edu or by calling 554-2292 or 554-4897.

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are really feeling 100 percent? He said the players trust him and are honest most of the time; but he relies on their teammates.

"We rely on roommates and teammates to tell us when things aren't right," McKune said. "They all care about each other."

Finally, the women toured the locker room. Coach Mike Kemp, with help from players Chris Holt and Brandon Scero, explained the equipment the players wear during the game and a few team traditions. Coach Kemp also explained how lucky the ladies were to be in the locker room, since it is usually closed to everyone but players and coaches.

One tradition Kemp explained was the four cornerstones of Maverick hockey. Several years ago, players were asked to come up with a word to describe the foundation of their team. They came up with dedication, determination, discipline and desire. The four D's are scribed throughout the locker room and the players wear a medallion with the four D's. During the games, the players hang their medallions on a hook to represent team unity.

Holt passed his goalie gear around and explained the purpose of each piece. He was surprised by the interest shown

in this portion of the night.

"They asked interesting questions about my gear, I am not used to people caring about my gear," Holt said.

The resounding theme was that the night was a huge success. Hockey enthusiasts from throughout the state attended the event; fans from Columbus and Wayne came to Omaha for the weekend.

"I liked the on-ice part the best, it was nice that they were able to demonstrate actual plays," Barb Thompson said. Anna Messerole, a 12-year-old who attended with her mother Julie, also enjoyed the on-ice part when the players shot the pucks.

Kemp also thought the night was a success.

"It went extremely well, it's neat to see all the people that may or may not be enthusiastic hockey fans will now have a better understanding of what they are watching at the games," Kemp said.

The event, which has been in the planning stages for approximately six years, appears to become an annual event.

"The idea was to give an insight into the world of the hockey team and to have fun doing it, so in my mind it was a success," event organizer Shirley Fey said.

The planning committee will meet and evaluate the event to determine if there will be a similar event next year.

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Runway fashions make it to the streets

Fashion week. Sounds so glamorous, doesn't it? All the hottest and up-and-coming designers showing their best for masses of beautiful people in New York City. Celebrities sitting front row, parties for all the rich and famous to rub noses and gift bags are only a few perks. Well, I'm not quite in the position to go yet, and no offense, but I doubt you are either. Instead I must live vicariously through those fortunate enough (i.e. rich enough) to attend. Upon reading up on the trends du jour, I feel confident enough to regurgitate them, tainted with my biased opinion, to you. Just kidding about the tainted bias part. Ladies and Gentlemen: Olympus Fashion Week Fall 2005 in a nutshell.

Jennifer Lopez debuted her new Sweetface line, which pleasantly surprised most fans and critics, as everyone pretty much expected it to be a flop. Betsey Johnson revealed yet another eclectic and funky line, the Spike-TV channel's show Project Runway got to show off a mini-collection and Zac Posen kept things elegant. Ralph Lauren, Donna Karan and Calvin Klein were, of course, the three most highly anticipated and popular shows.

Klein showcased origami-like pieces in dark charcoal and ink colors by designer Francisco Costa, featuring tiles of fur and patent leather, while Donna Karan seemed to be mad about pleats and details. This season's Ralph Lauren boasted fitted pieces in luxurious fabrics including silks, satins, and cashmeres. Lauren surprised everyone when, after his show of high waists and belted

Real Fashion



Alex May

sweaters, he came out in a tailored jacket with shoulder pads, big ones.

Shoulder pads, eh? That leaves many wondering, are they coming back? What does fashion have in store for us? Does anyone really wear these kooky looks anyway, aren't they just for show?

To answer that question, I will now review with you last season's runway looks and we'll see how they've made themselves cozy in your

closet.

I remember seeing the fitted blazer reappear and thinking about my friends mother when I was younger, who would always rock the Ralph Lauren navy blue blazer with jeans, such a mom look. Now, I have five blazers lined up in the closet like they own the place. Weird.

Fur has always been in, for old ladies and rich women. Last season they proposed fur for everyone, on sweater collars, bags and vests. It seemed a bit cheesy to me, but for some reason I have a Gap fur vest on hanger, staring at my faux-fur trimmed sweater and furry boots.

I honestly never thought the flat would be resurrected successfully. I mean, they were ugly. And dorky. So Lisa Turtle on "Saved by the Bell." How many pairs have I? Four for now, which may seem meager, but I have my eye on a few more choice pairs.

So scoff all you like now, but beware. You WILL be wearing some of this stuff whether you like it or not, so I suggest you Google "Olympus Fashion Week," pronto.

Date Auction



Munira Amini

Chris Larson and Greg Waples share a laugh during the date auction held Thursday night. The date auction was part of a series of fundraisers with proceeds going towards various band related causes. The auction raised more than \$500.

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discussed earthquakes and volcanic activity in general, as well as the tsunami in Indonesia. Shakil Ahmed of the Islamic Speakers Bureau of Nebraska also addressed the crowd. He spoke about how the Islamic way of life confronts and deals with a disaster of this magnitude.

Hatil Demir, head of the Zakat

Foundation, gave an overview of relief efforts currently underway in Aceh, which was the Indonesian province struck hardest by the tsunami.

For more information on relief efforts or to give a contribution, visit www.iazf.org. For a listing of alternative foundations, visit www.google.com/tsunami_relief.html.

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stations nationally.

When asked how the station achieved such high scores, Aliano said that KVNO tries to, "do what we do best" by focusing on classical music. By allowing listeners to know what to expect when they tune in, KVNO hopes to build loyalty.

Additionally, Aliano said "We do our best to control costs and aggressively seek new funding."

Through pledge drives, corporate donations and individual memberships, KVNO is able to maintain funding. It derives about half of its annual income from the local community.

The CPB ranking comes as a welcome announcement for KVNO.

"We're very excited," Aliano said.

Anyone interested in contributing to KVNO is encouraged to visit the station's



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Paria returns home from month-long coast-to-coast tour

JESSICA RIAL
STAFF WRITER

Signing with a label and touring is a once in a lifetime opportunity and something you have to hop on right away, said Dustin Treinen bassist of Paria, a local metal-core band formed in October 2001.

"The tour we just got home from went coast to coast," he said. "We spent a good chunk of it in California. The best part was getting to play, but there is much more than that."

Paria's current album *Misanthropos*, which has sold more than 1,000 copies, was released on Black Market Activities, a Boston label, in November of 2004. It was recorded in June at Artery Recording Studios at the Ranch Bowl by Dan Brennan, bassist for the 1989 Chicago Cubs and touring soundman for Cursive.

Paria contains three former UNO students, bassist Dustin Treinen, drummer Corey Barnes and vocalist Brian Craig. It also includes guitarists John Claus and Aaron Langon.

After completing more than eight one-month-long tours covering the United

States, they are still eager to make music and tour again.

"We all want to get the same things out of it so we work well together and we work hard at getting things going, as well as developing ourselves as musicians," Treinen said.

Paria's next west coast tour is scheduled for March 11 to March 26. Treinen said it's tough to have a steady income when you leave for a month at a time.

"We do pretty well on tour, but most of that money stays in the band," he said.

Black Market Activities signed Paria in Spring 2004 and is working on getting its distribution expanded to Europe, where they want to tour.



The boys of Paria sit pretty with a national record deal and tour, which brings them to Lincoln on Feb. 18. *courtesy photo*

"That would make it much easier if our album was selling overseas," Treinen said. "Our goal is to keep touring and writing while we are home, and we hope to have another album out in 2006."

Treinen also said the Omaha music scene is great compared to other cities.

"It seems our scene is fairly united," he said. "I feel like people are more supportive of the music scene as a whole in Omaha. I don't see very many here, but I see fights

almost every night out of town."

Even with a label, Paria pays for a lot with the money they earn from shows. Black Market Activities paid for the recording, mastering, and pressing of *Misanthropos*, and runs advertisements and lends them money for merchandise and other extras.

Misanthropos, a two-song EP, *The Torn Instances*, T-shirts, posters, stickers, buttons and sweatshirts are available at shows and through their Web site, www.pariamusic.com.

"All of us are pretty dedicated and serious musicians, so we are all very grateful for the opportunities we are getting," Treinen said. "It's amazing getting to just drive around and play music everyday."

Claus and Barnes, formerly of Splitlobe, are the only original members of Paria. Langon was in 1 H87 and Beneath Burning Skies. Treinen is in Analog and was in Bellicose.

Paria is opening for Soulfly and Morbid Angel at an all ages show at the Royal Grove in Lincoln on Friday. Doors open at 5 p.m., and the show starts at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 day of show.

Happening this Week

COMPILED BY ANDREW CUMBEE
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

Wednesday, Feb. 16

Dan Grueter at the Funny Bone

Grueter is currently working on a show for NBC, but can be seen in Omaha for five nights starting tonight. Grueter has been praised for his sarcastic, clean sense of humor.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a 7:30 p.m. show, with extra 10:15 p.m. shows on Friday and Saturday

Tickets: \$14

Thursday, Feb. 17

Entombed, Crowbar, Propain, The Mighty Nimbus at Ranch Bowl

If you're looking for straight-forward heavy metal then this is your show. Four bands provide entertainment for a show that's sure to last most of the night.

Doors open at 7 p.m. for an 8 p.m. show

Tickets: \$16 advance or \$18 day of

show

Friday, Feb. 18

Soufly with Morbid Angel and Paria (see story above) at Royal Grove

The ex-front man of Sepultura heads up metal giants Soulfly. Expect a lot of fast, hard music from these three bands in Lincoln tonight.

Doors open at 5 p.m. for a 5:30 p.m. (all ages)

Tickets: \$20 advance and \$25 day of show, see ranchbowl.com for more information

Th' Lendary Shack/Shakers with Forty Twenty at Knickerbockers

If metal isn't your style, check out this Southern band. Th' Lendary Shack/Shakers mix styles of music from punk, polka, gospel, and blues to create a new style not heard before.

Show starts at 9 p.m.

Tickets: \$8 and are available at onepercentproductions.com

Saturday, Feb. 19

Swizzle Tree, Liquidstatic, Xtend, and eight other bands at Anchor Inn

All-day event filled

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Hitch is light-hearted comedy everyone can relate to, even guys

REVIEW BY ERIKA BERG
STAFF WRITER

When most guys face the daunting task of planning a romantic rendezvous, a few things most likely come to mind; chicken wings, beer, a \$3.99 Russell Stover box and a showing of one of the *Rocky* movies. Then they wonder why they're stuck on the couch or kicked out of the house. Hmm ... How could we help these men out and solve this plague of being a dating dunce? Call the doctor, the dating doctor, Will Smith.

Smith (*I Robot*) plays Alex Hitchens, a suave relationship coach re-educating men who are textbook cases of dating don'ts. When they complete his crash course on love, they dress, speak and present themselves like the

prom king. A variety of lessons are offered including tutoring them on the subtleties of body language and the proper technique to plant the first kiss.

Hitch's latest client is Albert (Kevin James of TV's *King of Queens*), a tubby accountant who can't down a hamburger without

turning his shirt into an abstract masterpiece of mustard and relish. He is head over heels for his wealthy and beautiful client, socialite Allegra Cole (model Amber Valletta).

Even though Albert has more of a chance of being part of the Chip n' Dales then landing a gal like

Allegra, Hitch is not discouraged. Allegra and Albert's sweeping romance soon attract the attention of a sharp-tongued tabloid columnist Sara Melas (Eva Mendes of *Out of Time*). She's definitely been around the block

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Will Smith plays the role of a suave love doctor in Hitch, playing in theaters now. *Columbia TriStar*

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UNO edged by Michigan in close CCHA series

ANGIE PECK AND BRIAN BRASHAW
STAFF WRITER COLUMNIST

It should have been a goalie standoff. Michigan's Al Montoya versus UNO's Chris Holt. Both have been playing at the top of their game lately, but last weekend at the Qwest Center the offenses of both Michigan and UNO were too much for the goalies.

Allowing 17 goals between the two of them, Holt and Montoya found themselves in the middle of a shootout that left the Wolverines on top, earning four Central Collegiate Hockey Association points with 6-4 and 4-3 wins.

The teams both started out early Friday night. In the first period, six goals were rattled off between the two teams. Michigan started the scoring early with an Eric Nystrom goal three minutes into the game. UNO was quick to respond with an Alex Nikiforuk goal just 53 seconds later.

Michigan jumped back on top when Chad Kolarik scored a power play goal at 7:06, but UNO again answered quickly with a Scott Parse goal two minutes later.

Dan Hack scored the first power play goal allowed by Michigan in five games just under the 12-minute mark and gave UNO the 3-2 lead, their first, and last, of the game. Michigan

responded at the 16:49 with Nystrom's second goal of the night.

"Holt made a great save but (Nystrom) was able to poke at it a couple more times and get it in," Maverick Head Coach Mike Kemp said. "It was a wild first period. It created a lot of excitement and lots of offense."

Two minutes into the second period Michigan tallied its fourth goal of the night on an Eric Werner goal.

Before the period was over UNO received a gift from the officials; a Michigan goal was waved off because it was played with a high stick.

In the third stanza, Scott Parse gave UNO new life. The Mavs were down a man when Parse picked up the loose puck, broke down the ice and picked up his second goal of the



Michelle Bishop
UNO's Dan Knapp battles University of Michigan's David Moss as goalie Chris Holt makes a save on the puck during Friday's game.

night to tie the score at four.

A minute later Michigan reclaimed its one-goal lead with a Brandon Kaleniecki one-timer past Holt. Michigan would push one more goal past Holt before the night was up making the final score 6-4.

"It was very disappointing," Kemp said of the loss. "I thought we hung with them all night long."

Saturday was another shootout and another struggle for UNO. The Mavericks jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead in the first period abusing Montoya, scoring on their first shot and picking up another quickie. Dan Knapp started the Mavericks up with a power play goal and Nikiforuk scored his second of the weekend at 8:23 of the first.

The Wolverines waited till the second period to respond. Matt Hunwick got UM on the board with a power play goal early in the second, but Bill Bagron re-claimed the two-goal lead for UNO less than a minute later.

It would seem the Mavs would have the momentum, but Michigan scored the next three goals to steal the two conference points. Hensick scored back-to-back goals for the Wolverines, one in the second, one in the third, and David Moss notched the game-winner with just 1:11 left in the game.

On a brighter note, the Mavs were able to keep a hold of their fourth place spot in the CCHA. The Mavericks are five points behind Northern Michigan, who took three points from Western Michigan. UNO is just two points in front of Alaska-Fairbanks, who the Mavs face in two weeks. The Mavs travel to the Upper Peninsula to take on Lake Superior State this weekend.

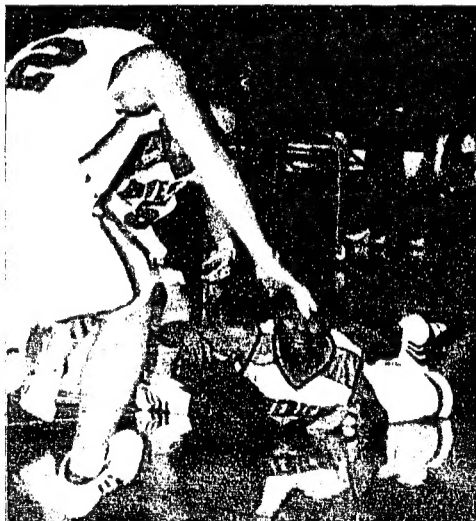
Mavericks suffer third consecutive loss, drop to fifth in conference

J. PARKER ADAIR
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

What was once a promising start and early hope for a home North Central Conference playoff game, has become a arduous situation for UNO women's basketball.

The Mavericks (14-10, 4-5 NCC) had lost consecutive games only once this season, both away from the Sapp Field House. They had lost just once at home this season, were 14-7 overall and were 4-2 in the NCC. That was before a narrow loss at a tough Augustana team last Saturday. They are 2-5 since then.

UNO has not been able to recover from the slide. With losses to St. Cloud State (78-72) and Minnesota State-Mankato (78-67), the Mavs find themselves down to fifth in the NCC with just three games left



J. Parker Adair
LaCheryl Prince dives on a loose ball Saturday as Karen Thies (right) and J.J. Smith look on.

to play.

"The season's not over. We've got to focus," Head Coach Patty Patton Shearer said Friday night.

The Mavericks have gone from underdogs (beating then No. 8 North Dakota and No. 20 to open NCC play) to the doghouse, losing four of their last five.

Friday night, UNO stayed close early with St. Cloud State, a team that beat them by 39 earlier this season. The Mavericks led by as may as four with 6:15 left to play in a game that featured 14 lead changes and 10 ties. The Huskies took and held the final lead for nearly four and a half minutes, stealing an NCC home win UNO needed.

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Maverick men still tied for top of NCC despite loss to St. Cloud State

CHRISTEN HARRINGTON
SENIOR STAFF WRITER

After losing to St. Cloud State 75-77 and beating No. 4 Minnesota State-Mankato 70-58 over the weekend, the No. 12 UNO men's basketball team is back in a tie for first place in the North Central Conference.

The St. Cloud State Huskies came into Friday night's game with revenge on their minds, after losing to the Mavericks on their home court 73-70 two weeks ago. Nate Miller, who seemed unstoppable at times, finished with a team high 25 points for the Huskies. Three other players for St. Cloud State finished in double digits in the game.

The referees played a significant role the game. They were very aggressive with their calls, calling a total of 32 fouls throughout the game. With all the fouls being called, junior guard Calvin Kaples was sent to the line for eight free throw attempts; he made six of them. Kaples, an traditionally good free throw shooter has had an uncharacteristically poor performance from the line this season.

"I won't say that I'm over the slump, but I did get the confidence going. If I had made the other two, it probably would have been a different ball game," Kaples said.

One controversial foul play Kaples wished he wasn't involved in was the foul on Nate Miller late in the second half that sent him out of the game with his fifth foul.

"That was a tough call, I think at that point in the game it's a no-call. I thought it was a clean block. If there was any contact it was late after the shot. This was a crucial game at the end of the year, and the ref can't take a game into his own hands," Kaples said.

Despite fouling out towards the end of the game, Kaples still managed to finish with a team-high 19 points. Both games seemed to be a showcase for junior forward Ryan Curtis,

who finished with 17 points against St. Cloud State and 14 points against Minnesota State-Mankato.

"In our game against St. Cloud State I had a good game, but we lost, so with the Minnesota State-Mankato game, I came out on fire," Curtis said.

On fire would be the key term for Ryan Curtis who seemed impossible to stop in the paint. Curtis shot 66 percent from the field and snagged 16 rebounds in both games combined. The defense seemed slow on intensity against St. Cloud State, but came out more aggressive against Minnesota State-Mankato.

"We needed to come out with more intensity, more passion, and more fire on the defensive end. If we take care of things on defense, everything else will fall into place," Kaples said.

Coach Kevin McKenna made his defense stick to the script, holding MSU, a team that averages nearly 90 points per game, to just 58 points. Before the defense had settled in during the second half, the first half was all Luke Anderson, who shot 70 percent from the field and scored 16 points.

"I just told Andre to get at him in the second half, and not let him get the open shots," McKenna said.

Tarpley did just that, holding Luke Anderson to four points in the second half.

"I just tried to deny him the ball. He was getting too many touches and too many open shots in the first half," Tarpley said.

Senior guard Abdul Mills added 15 points in the Mavs win. UNO finally got over the hump, snapping a two-game losing streak to Mankato, and holding onto their end of first place in the NCC.

"It feels good to beat a good team like Minnesota State-Mankato, but it feels even better to bounce back from the tough loss against St. Cloud State," McKenna said.

Michigan series provides hope for the future of Maverick hockey

After a weekend where the Maverick hockey team was defeated twice by perennial power Michigan, it would be easy to say negative things about the series. However, the opportunity to watch our Mavs versus the mighty Wolverines in our own backyard provides a chance to point out the good things as well.

As many of you know, Michigan beat the Mavs 6-4 Friday and 4-3 on Saturday, which despite not gaining a victory, isn't all bad against a team laden with NHL recruits and potential first round draft picks. Nonetheless, I am no advocate of a "moral" victory. A win is a win and a loss is a loss.

First of all, the Qwest Center is an excellent venue for Division I college hockey. Of the many UNO games I have attended, the Friday night installment of Michigan-UNO was the most electric atmosphere I have seen (and it wasn't

just the \$7, 24-ounce Coronas). It's nice to see that the fans will come to the games, as they did in record fashion this weekend, if a top ten team travels to our venue. However, I'd like to see 9,000 to 11,000

people every night, with nearly 20,000 on the weekend for the Michigan series, I can only sit here and imagine how many will show up when the home team is also nationally ranked.

I noticed that for the most part, UNO didn't look intimidated by the mighty Blue.

The Weekly Rant



Andrew Crnic

From my vantage point, they remained composed even when short-handed. The promise the UNO roster has, beaming with underclassmen, leads me to believe they will soon make their presence felt in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association as well as the NCAA playoffs.

The Mavs are the best short-handed goal scoring team in the CCHA, with eight in 30 games. But the

flip side of that stat seems to be a problem.

UNO ranks near the bottom of the CCHA in penalty killing percentage, and are near the middle of the pack on the power play. Now, it may just be the speed of Michigan but the Mavs seemed to have a difficult time getting the puck into the Michigan zone when they were on the power play.

If physicality were an official stat, UNO would probably rank near the bottom of the league. In both the Michigan and Wayne State series, I noticed the opposing team to be considerably more physical than our boys were. I was told that the Mavs are more of a finesse team, but these guys need to put some opponents into the boards and wear them down, as they undoubtedly have been after a few blastings.

Now I am no hockey genius, but I am definitely trying to better understand the intricacies of this game. Even though I will graduate in six months, I will continue to support our glorious Division-I sport. All of you are urged to get down to the Qwest and get your free ticket for the Alaska-Fairbanks series (I'll be there). The team needs you and it's not much different than going to the bar. They sell beers for \$5 a pop at the Qwest, too.

Take us back to the Joe, Boys!



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J. Parker Adair

Maverick hockey fans show distaste for Michigan by calling them "Weasels."

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McCaslin promoted to coordinator

NATHAN LEETE
STICKS EDITOR

In January, Fred Reed accepted a position on the football coaching staff of Ohio University, leaving UNO Head Football Coach Pat Behms looking for a new defensive coordinator. Thursday, Behms announced Brad McCaslin as the man in charge of the Mavericks defense for the 2005 season.

"Brad has done a great job with everything we've asked him to do," Behms said in a press release. "He knows our players and has been an important part of our success over the years."

"I'm excited about the opportunity," McCaslin said.

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That win would have put the Mavs in the driver's seat for a home-court first-round game in NCC playoffs, likely against SCSU.

J.J. Smith led UNO with 21 points. Lindsey Peterson, playing ill, had 16.

"There were a lot of loose balls we didn't come up with," Patton Shearer said. "They scored off junk. We fouled unnecessarily."

"We played pretty hard tonight. We just missed a couple of opportunities."

Those sentiments were not echoed after Saturday night's loss.

UNO was down 11-0, 15-2 and 21-7 just more than five minutes into the game against Mankato, sixth in the NCC. Karen Thies hit three 3-pointers in less than two minutes and Leslie Ross hit a jumper to pull within five. Thies finished with 13. Smith added 15.

The northern Mavericks went to the locker room up nine and never trailed in the game. Twice UNO tied the score, but MSU made all seven free throws in the final 1:11 to seal the

"I look to have a combination of all three coordinators I've worked for. We've had a lot of success in the past," McCaslin said. "We have a wealth of linebackers and obviously want as many of them on the field as we can."

McCaslin has been with the Mavericks for eight seasons, as recruiting coordinator for four years. McCaslin was promoted from his job as defensive line coach and special teams coordinator. He also served three years as a graduate assistant before becoming a full-time assistant in 2000.

McCaslin is a native of Cheyenne, Wyo. and a 1994 graduate of Hastings College. He was an assistant football coach and teacher at Benson High School for two years before joining the Mavericks staff.

upset and pull one-game back of UNO in the NCC.

Afterward, Patton Shearer had a brief emotionally charged message for her team before leaving the locker room in a state not often seen from her, even following a loss.

"There were four minutes left in the game and we laid down," she said. "That's a one possession game and we laid down."

She made no excuses for her team, and was visibly infuriated and heartbroken.

"It didn't come from here tonight," she said pointing to her heart. "We're going to have some focused practices this week."

UNO hosts second-ranked Minnesota-Duluth (17-6, 6-3) Saturday. They will then hit the road for the final two games of the NCC season at Duluth Feb. 24 and at Mankato Feb. 26. The Mavericks still have a shot at the top spot in the NCC. North Dakota sits at 7-2, just three games ahead, with three left for each squad.

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9 am Black Orgs. Fair
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11:30 am Hip Hop
1:30 pm FYE Steering Committee
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association
1:45 pm SAP User Group
3 pm Panhellenic Recruitment
3 pm Delta Epsilon Chi
4 pm Honors Program Freshman Recognition
5:30 pm Sigma Kappa
6 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Alpha Xi Delta
7 pm Security Meeting
7:30 pm UNO Winterguard
7:30 pm Lambda Theta Nu
8 pm Greek Endeavor

Wed., Feb. 16th

9 am Pathways to Harmony
11 am SPO
12 noon ALAS
12 noon Emerging Leaders

12 noon Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance
12 noon Pathways
2:30 pm UNO/MCC
4:30 pm Peace Corps
6 pm Advisor Recruitment
7 pm ODK
7:30 pm ROSAS

Thurs., Feb. 17th

10 am Consider This . . .
12 noon Impact
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7 pm Student Government

Fri., Feb. 18th

7:30 am Jazz Festival
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6:30 pm Theta Chi

Mon., Feb. 22nd

8:30 am SPO Interviews
9 am Recruitment Services
12 noon The Rock
12 noon AA
12 noon Congress to Campus Luncheon
12 noon Master Success
12 noon The Grove Meditation
12 noon Psychology Review Team
12 noon African American Organization
3 pm SABC
4:30 pm Panhellenic
5 pm Chi Omega
5 pm Psychology Dept. Program Review

5 pm Maverick Investment Club
6 pm ABC Dinner
7:30 pm Christian Student Fellowship
8 pm College Democrats
8:30 pm Circle K
9 pm Campus Crusade

Tues., Feb. 23rd

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11:30 am Stephenson Interns
11:30 am Congress to Campus Luncheon
12 noon Psychology Review Team
1 pm Congress to Campus
1:40 pm Muslim Student Association
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when it comes to dating and has courted her fair share of losers. Suspicious to the core, she knows when to sniff out a manipulative rat ... the dating doctor.

Sara pursues this story hoping to do an exposé on the Manhattan legend. She looks to Hitch for answers into Albert's blossoming relationship but Hitch denies all to protect his clients' confidentiality. One problem: he starts falling for Sara. OK, two problems. Mr. Dating Doctor becomes Mr. Dating Don't. He's so love-struck by Sara that he starts acting like his own worst nightmare ... one of his clients.

Like every romantic comedy, the plot takes a turn for the worse and all we can wonder is, "will true love conquer all?"

This soft comedy showcases Smith as an actor. He is absolutely irresistible in this role,

even in a couple of scenes where he looked more like a gargoyle than his studly self, due to unknown food allergies.

With so many sub-plots, this movie might have had a problem developing its main story idea. But with Smith's comedic timing and charming personality, you're taken into the story as soon as he flashes his luminous grin.

The script is full of slapstick lines that make you laugh so hard you find it difficult to keep the soda from re-appearing out of your nose. But there are also moments of true tutoring genius in the dating game. The idea of the first date kiss ... it's all about the 90-10 ratio. Girls don't like to be mauled, show us you're interested then stop. If she wants to kiss you she will. Also, guys, you need to work on your dance moves. Once you see the movie

you will understand.

Another thing I liked about the script is there are lines that are light-hearted but full of truth: "No matter what, no matter when, no matter who, any man has a chance to sweep any woman off her feet," Hitch says. "He just needs the right broom."

This movie shows you don't need to be Brad Pitt to get the girl, just some good manners, moves and intentions. I would recommend this movie to anyone and everyone. Ladies, if there's a man in your life that needs a subtle hint, offer to go see this. I saw it with a good friend of mine and it makes a great girls' night out. You can laugh at all the moments you know you've been through. And guys, this is Will Smith. He's funny. His co-star is gorgeous. Enough said.

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